

**Waterbury Select Board and Trustees Joint Meeting**  
**June 17, 2013**  
**Main Street Fire Station**

Present: J. Grenier, Chair; R. Ellis, C. Viens, and K. Miller, Select Board; P H. Flanders, Village President; L. Sayah and N. Howell-Sherman, Village Trustees; D. Winham, Economic Development Director; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Luke Shullenberger and Everett Coffey.

The meeting of both Boards was called to order at 7:00pm.

**MINUTES**

R. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> meetings. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed by those present.

**MONTHLY REPORT – DARREN WINHAM**

D. Winham reported he has been working on projects with regional businesses interested in moving into Waterbury (expansions). He is looking into a co-working space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of One South Main Street. A new business will be moving into the space formerly occupied by Ocha's Restaurant. Bridgeside Books expanded their space, and the Stowe Street Emporium will transfer ownership on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a meeting of the Vermont Digital Economy Project tomorrow morning at Arvad's. The final version of the economic development chapter of the Town Plan is going to the Planning Commission on Monday. There are a couple of developers interested in Wasson Hall. He has also been assisting on figuring out how to develop some downtown parking. He suggested that some parking could occur behind 51 South Main Street. There is also a large lot just before the Dry Bridge on Stowe Street. Two owners may be willing to sell their properties, to be purchased by private interests. There also may be opportunity to lease parking spaces behind what was formerly Ocha's Restaurant.

**GREEN LANTERN – SOLAR SERVICES AGREEMENT**

L. Shullenberger was present to discuss the solar services contract for a solar installation on the roof of the Main Street Fire Station. He reviewed the terms of the agreement with the Board. The Town will have full review and approval rights for the design and installation of the array. A discussion was held about potential tax assessments on the arrays. R. Ellis stated that she has worked with A. Tuscany and Paul Giuliani and changes have been implemented in the contract that are beneficial to the Town. C. Viens expressed concern about the benefit versus the cost to the taxpayers. L. Shullenberger explained the financing of the program.

R. Ellis made motion to approve the solar services agreement with Green Lantern Capital with two small changes (customer is 'Town of Waterbury' and fill in date of agreement), and authorize the Municipal Manager to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed by those present.

P. H. Flanders updated the Select Board on a 500KW solar array proposed for Sweet Fields. They will be reviewing draft of the contract. There are several neighbors that are concerned and the Trustees plan to have an informational meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees will request some specific wording in the contract in recognition of the well fields and acknowledging the sensitivity of the area.

P. H. Flanders stated he attended the first public hearing on the bond vote. After Irene, the community work together, and the Boards worked through the FEMA process to develop the proposed plan for the municipal building project. He was concerned at the hearing that K. Miller took a different tact with regard to including the police department in the project. K. Miller stated that people should be informed of other options and other locations given the expense of the project. A discussion followed about the pros and cons of co-locating the functions on either one or two sites and what might be most cost effective.

E. Coffey suggested that the municipal office and police relocate at 51 South Main Street with parking underneath, and the library and historical society be housed in a second facility on North Main Street. J. Grenier questioned the maintenance and long term costs in one versus two buildings. He stated that the State of Vermont is investing in our downtown at the complex, and that the municipality should too.

There being no further business, the Trustees adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on:

*June 26, 2013*

*P. Howard Flanders*

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*Natalie Howell-Sherman*

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*Lawrence Sayah*

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